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Applicant(s): I. McRury et al.

Invention: Suture Welding System and Method

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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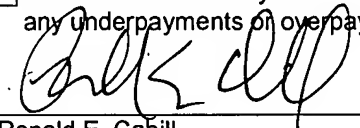
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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